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Applicant: SUN, Hung-Ming  
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For: METHOD FOR INTERACTIVE IMAGE RETRIEVAL  
BASED ON USER-SPECIFIED REGIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

October 12, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 13:

--The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain present in the present application.

The specification has been amended to include a reference to the color drawings submitted with this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

**Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.**

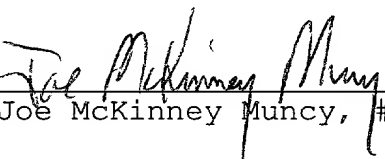
In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (702) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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A paragraph has been added before the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 13.